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# **FORMER TEMPE BUSINESSMAN CHARGED WITH TAX EVASION FOR FAILING TO DECLARE \$4 MILLION**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- BRIAN W. BISHOP**, age 52, formerly of Tempe, Arizona, and currently residing in Lighthouse Point, Florida, was indicted by a federal grand jury on one count of Federal Income Tax Evasion.

For tax year 1994, **BISHOP**, and his wife, declared a joint taxable income of \$8,850.00, with zero tax due for that year. The indictment alleges that his actual income for 1994 was, in excess of, \$4,000,000.00 and that the taxes owed on this additional income were not paid. A summons has been issued for **BISHOP** to appear in United States District Court in Phoenix, Arizona.

The federal indictment charges **BISHOP** with violating Title 26, of the United States Code, Section 7201. A conviction for Income Tax Evasion carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Mr. Rivera stressed that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation . The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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